



Utilizing operations data for enhanced cyber threat detection and response in industrial control systems (ICS).

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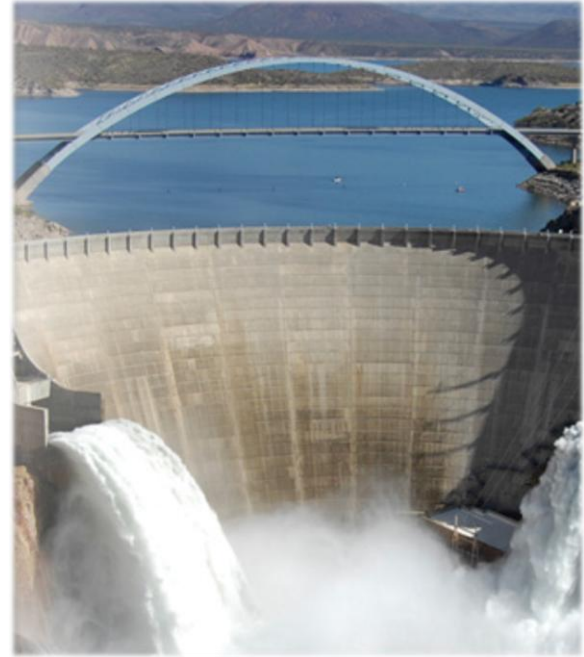
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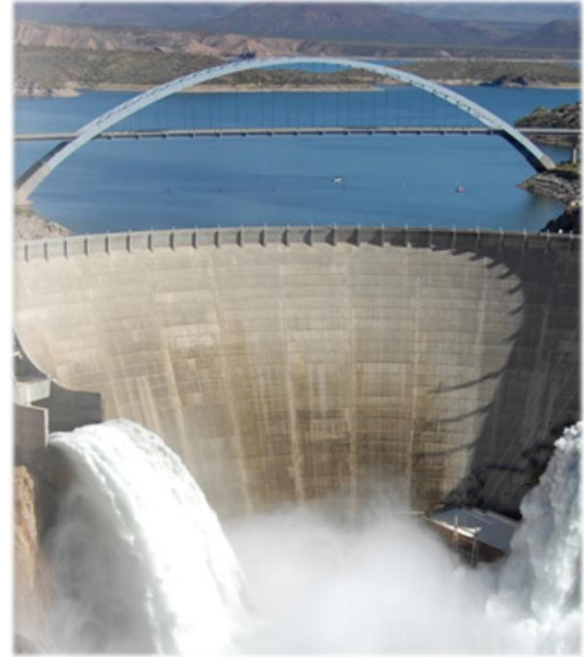
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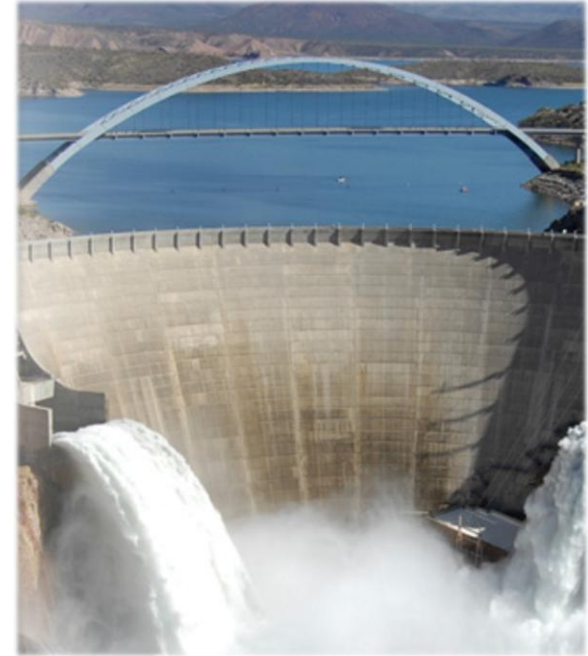
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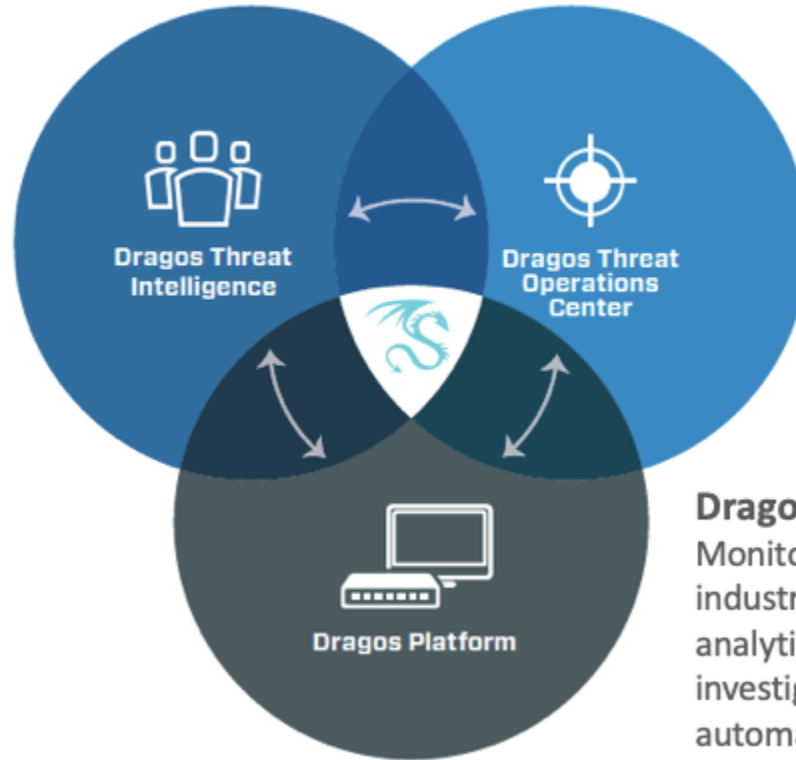
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About Dragos

Dragos WorldView
Expertise and knowledge in ICS threat identification and understanding delivered in weekly reports and briefings



Dragos ThreatView
Experienced ICS Threat Hunting, Incident Response, and Training delivered as a service

Dragos Platform
Monitoring system that passively identifies industrial assets, utilizes threat behavior analytics to identify threats, and offers investigation playbooks and workflow automation for Incident Response

Agenda

- 3 Business/Security Challenges
- Integration of PI System and Threat Detection assists with these challenges
- SRP Test implementation (Proof of Concept)
- Solution, Plans, Ideas for future use cases

3 Business/Security Challenges

SRP

Enhance Cyber Threat detection with PI data



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CHALLENGE

1. Eliminate threat activity as direct cause of operational outages
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SOLUTION

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RESULTS

Business Challenge: Eliminate Threat activity as cause of operational upsets

- July 2004 Substation Fire
 - High temps: 111°F/44°C
 - Avg Temps: 101°F/38°C
- Sep 8 2011 San Diego
- July 2018 Transformer bushing

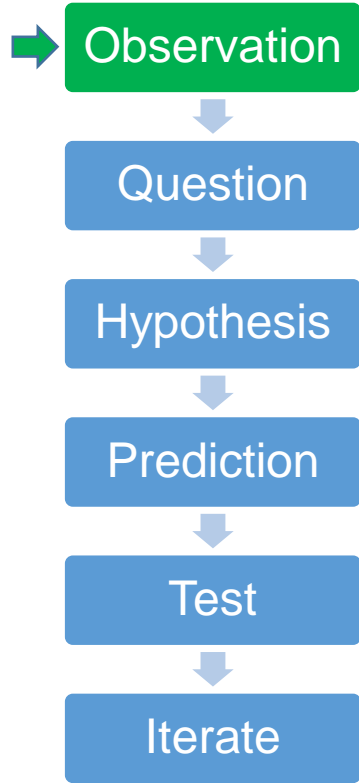


Business Challenge: Preventing Breach

 ALLANITE Since 2017	 CHRYSENE Since 2017	 XENOTIME Since 2014	 COVELLITE Since 2017		
MODE OF OPERATION Watering-hole and phishing leading to ICS recon and screenshot collection	MODE OF OPERATION IT compromise, information gathering and recon against industrial orgs	MODE OF OPERATION Focused on physical destruction and long-term persistence	MODE OF OPERATION IT compromise with hardened anti-analysis malware against industrial orgs		
CAPABILITIES Powershell scripts, THC Hydra, SecretsDump, Inveigh, PSEXec	CAPABILITIES Watering holes, 64-bit malwa IPv6 DNS, ISMD00R	 ELECTRUM Since 2017	 DYMALLOY Since 2017		
VICTIMOLOGY Electric utilities, US & UK	VICTIMOLOGY Oil & Gas, Manufacturing, Eur America			 MAGNALLIUM Since 2017	 RASPITE Since 2017
LINKS Palmetto Fusion	LINKS OilRig, Greenbug				
		CAPABILITIES CRASHOVERRIDE	CAPABILITIES GOODOR, DORSHEL, KARAGANY, Mimikatz		
		VICTIMOLOGY Ukraine, Electric Utilities	VICTIMOLOGY Turkey, Europe, US	MODE OF OPERATION IT network limited, information gathering against industrial orgs	MODE OF OPERATION IT network limited, information gathering on electric utilities with some similarities to CHRYSENE
		LINKS Sandworm	LINKS Dragonfly2, Berserker Bear	CAPABILITIES STONEDRILL wiper, variants of TURNEDUP malware	CAPABILITIES Service installer malware designed to beacon out to adversary infrastructure
				VICTIMOLOGY Petrochemical, Aerospace, Saudi Arabia	VICTIMOLOGY Electric Utilities, US, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Europe
				LINKS APT33	LINKS

Business Challenge: Incident Response





ICS Events

- German Steel Mill
- Trisis
- Crashoverride (Ukraine 2016) Event
- Ukraine 2015

2015 Ukraine Attack Summary



3

Utilities Attacked



225 K

Customer
Outages



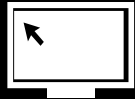
3.5 hr

Outage Duration.



135 MW

Load impact



100's

Server and
Workstation
Damage



10's

Field Device
Damage



50

Substations
Impacted

2016 Ukraine Attack Summary



1

Trans Co. Attacked



TBD

Customer
Outages



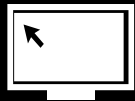
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Outage Duration.



200 MW

Load Impact



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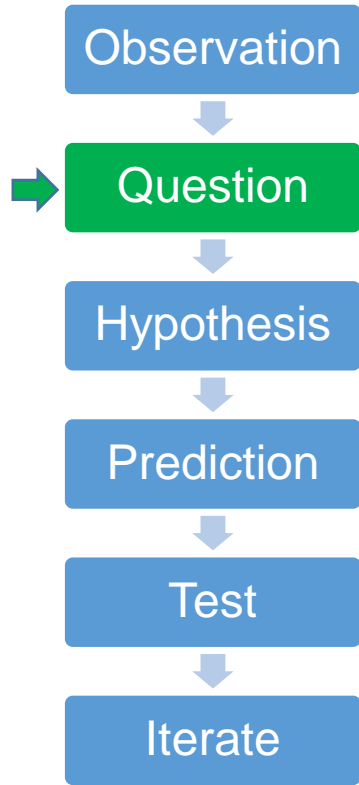
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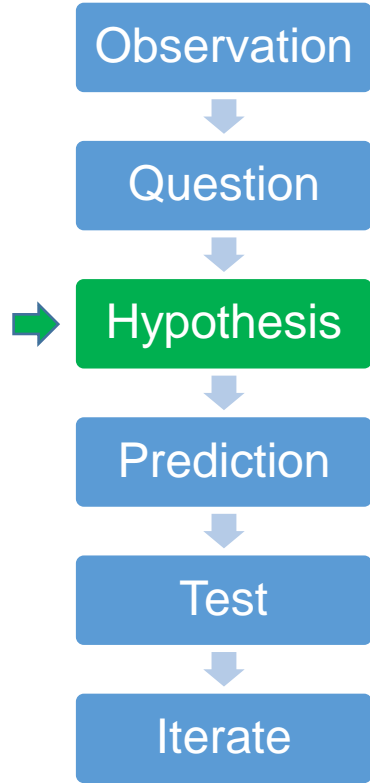


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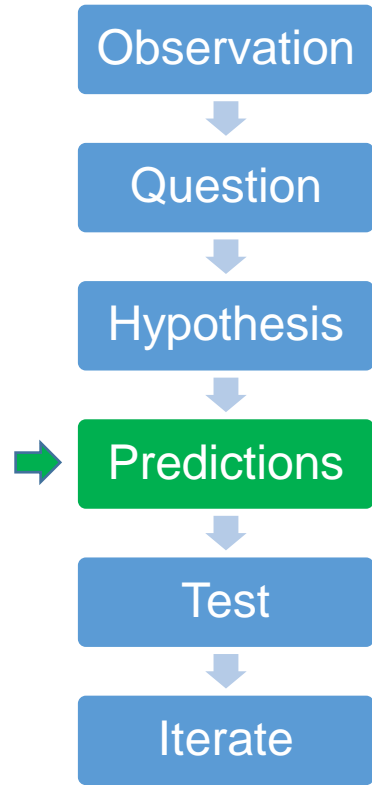
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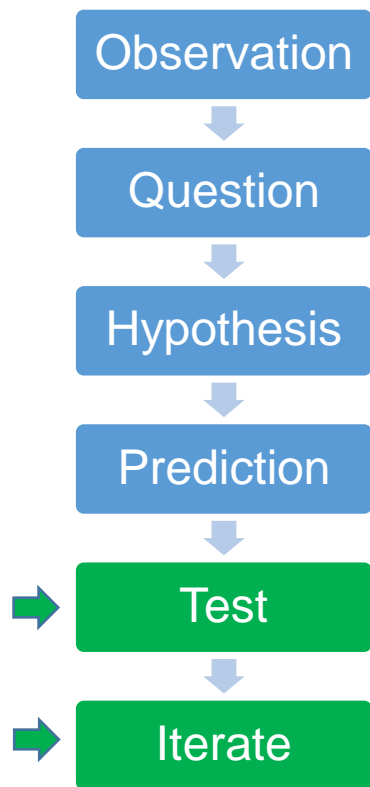
How can we prevent,
detect, and respond to
a cyber attack at SRP?



Adversary will utilize similar tactics as Electrum during an intrusion and will attempt to open breakers from the EMS system



1. If prevention fails, SRP can detect an adversary who opens a breaker by sending DNP3 operate commands from an abnormal source computer
2. SOC analysts will quickly gather data to prove or disprove cyber attack as the cause of disruption



Test: Prevent, Detect, Respond to adversary using	Result
Existing corporate controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevent: most, but not all, adversaries• Detect: untargeted att&cks• Respond: Slow
Add Threat Focused network monitoring platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevent: adds active defense capability to prevent att&ck techniques• Detect: targeted att&cks• Respond: Med
Integrate data from PI system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respond: Expect Fast but TBD

Integrating: PI + Dragos

Test

Event Frame on breaker open event

The screenshot displays the OSIsoft PI World software interface. On the left, a tree view shows the project structure under 'Mesquite_Reporting', including 'Element Templates' and 'Event Frame Templates'. The 'Event Frame Templates' folder is expanded, showing 'Breaker Trip Event' selected. The main window is titled '3.Unit' and shows the configuration for the 'z-Dragos Breaker Open' event frame template. The 'General' tab is active, showing the template's name, description, and categories. The 'Event Frame Template' dropdown is set to 'Breaker Trip Event'. Below this, a table lists the triggers for the event frame. The 'Start triggers' section shows a trigger named 'StartTrigger1' with the expression 'Generator Breaker Closed' and a value of 'Yes'. The 'End trigger' section shows a trigger named 'EndTrigger' with the expression 'Generator Breaker Closed' and a value of 'Yes'. The 'Evaluation Time' is 4/4/2019 8:48:43 AM, and the 'Last Trigger Time' is 4/4/2019 8:44:55 AM. The 'Scheduling' section is set to 'Event-Triggered'.

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Library
Mesquite_Reporting
Templates
Element Templates
0.Enterprise
1.Plant
2.Block
3.1.SteamTurbine
3.2.GasTurbine
3.Unit
Block
Energy Producer
Gas Turbine
Turbine
Event Frame Templates
Block - Daily Report
Block - Hourly Report
Breaker Trip Event
Hourly Block Report
Mode 6 Template
Model Templates
Transfer Templates
Enumeration Sets
Reference Types
Tables
Table Connections
Categories
Analysis Categories
Attribute Categories
Element Categories

3.Unit
General Attribute Templates Ports Analysis Templates Notification Rule Templates

Name: z-Dragos Breaker Open
Description: testing dragos integration
Categories: SecurityMonitoring
Analysis Type: ☐ Expression ☐ Rollup ☒ Event Frame Generation ☐ SQC
☒ Enable analyses when created from template
[Create a new notification rule template for z-Dragos Breaker Open](#)

Example Element: [REDACTED]

Event Frame Template: Breaker Trip Event

Add


Name	Expression	True for	Severity	Value at Evaluation	Value at Last Trigger
Start triggers					
StartTrigger1	('Generator Breaker Closed' <> "Yes")	Set (optional)	Warning	False	False
End trigger					
EndTrigger	'Generator Breaker Closed' = "Yes"			True	True

Evaluation Time: 4/4/2019 8:48:43 AM Last Trigger Time: 4/4/2019 8:44:55 AM
Advanced Event Frame Settings...


Scheduling: ☒ Event-Triggered ☐ Periodic
Trigger on: Any Input


Test


Notification





Notification Manager


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Query Focus Dataset


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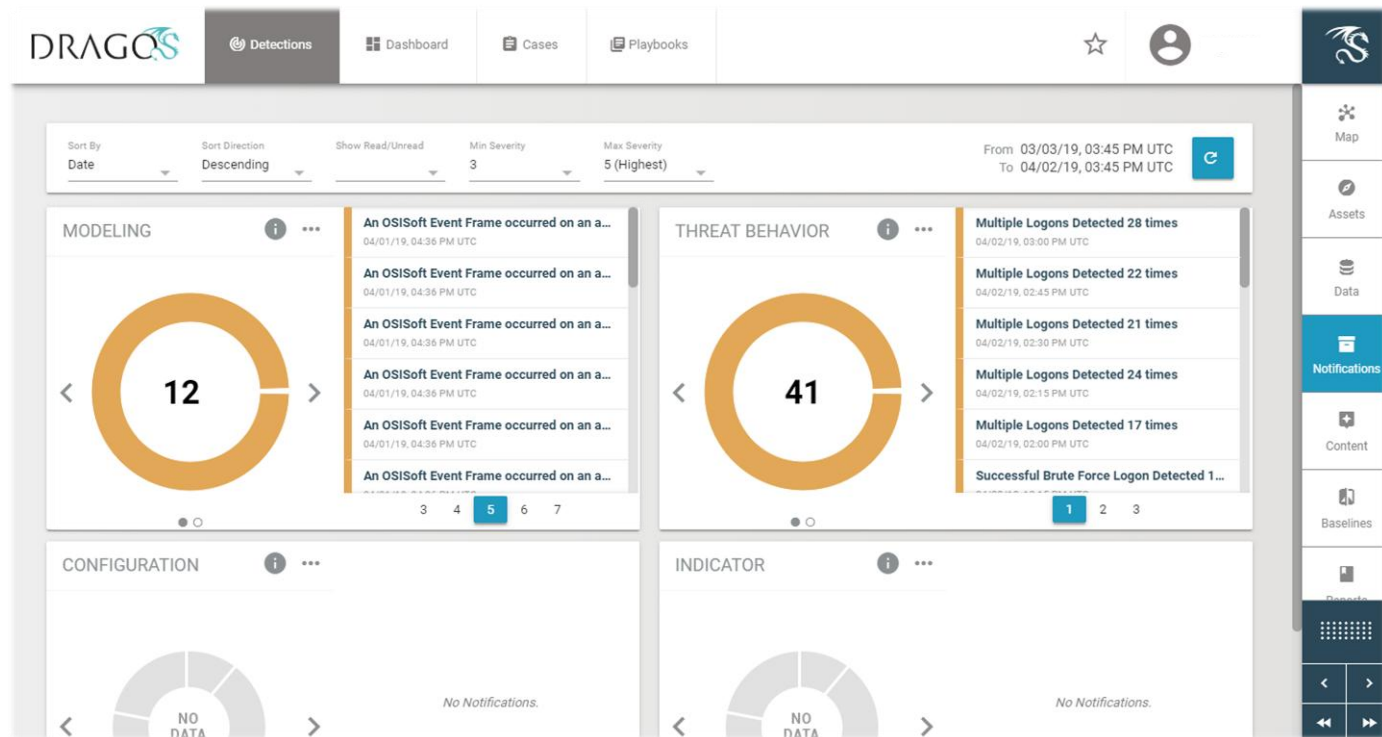
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▶ 72	Breaker open	GT2	██████████ 1\GT2	Breaker Trip_2019-03-01 15:55:00.000	April 2nd 2019, 18:00:44.000	Duration: , Generator Breaker Closed: , Gross Power: , Net Power:
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Test

Detections



Case Management > Hunt View [EDIT](#)

GT1 Breaker trip

Access
PRIVATE
Priority
3

Created:
04/03/19, 04:12 PM UTC
Author

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CONVERT TO INCIDENT

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PLAYBOOKS

Filter Playbook
Anomalous Breaker Operations

Filter By Status
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Anomalous Breaker Operations

1

Check Source of breaker operation.

☐

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Analyze Traffic Ports, Services & Protocols.

☐

3

Confirm DNP3 commands.

☐

4

Check PI Vision .

☐

5

Perform analysis of source computer.

☐

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ADD PLAYBOOK

Anomalous Breaker Operations [🔗](#)

Breaker operations

Breakers normally operate infrequently. This playbook outlines procedures to follow if breaker operations

1. occur rapidly in a relatively short amount of time

2. are initiated from a remote/abnormal source computer

Start Test: Breaker Trips Event Frame Sent

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From 04/03/19, 03:30 PM UTC To 04/03/19, 04:30 PM UTC

UPDATE MAP

Search Map

gt1

Group by: Zone

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Collectors: collectorbond Links: Physical & Logical Assets: Linked & Broadcasting Protocols: All

EXPLORE MAP

DETAILS

GE Manufacturing

CENTER ON MAP

ATTRIBUTES

ID: 119

NAME:

TYPE: Actuator

VENDOR: GE Manufacturing

NETWORKS: S GT1

CREATED: 01/31/19, 05:35 PM UTC

ZONE: CT1

VENDOR: GE Manufacturing

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communication link

standard:112:219

ID: standard:112:219

TYPE: link

TAGS: PHYSICAL

ASSET 1: 112

ASSET 2: 219

PROTOCOLS

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dnp3_application_function: "Operate" Add a filter +

Actions ▶

DNP3 QFD

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Time	ip_src	dnp3_src	ip_dst	dnp3_dst	direction	dnp3_dataLink_primary_function	dnp3_dataLink_secondary_function	dnp3_application_function
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▶ April 1st 2019, 15:51:09.000	127.0.0.1	4	127.0.0.1	3	Request	Unconfirmed User Data	-	Operate
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PI Vision

Overview - Op

Ad Hoc Display



PI Vision

1-Electrical

Ad Hoc Display



CLOSED

OPEN

STATION AUXILIARY TRANSFORMER TIE BREAKER STATUS

4/4/2016 8:35:17 AM

1095d

Now

4/4/2019 8:35:17 AM



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Add a filter +

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Port Tracking QFD

asset	summary_date	active_port	protocol	first_seen	last_seen	services
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▶ 507549	2019-01-04 UTC	3,389	tcp	January 4th 2019, 21:49:49.870	January 4th 2019, 21:49:49.893	rdp

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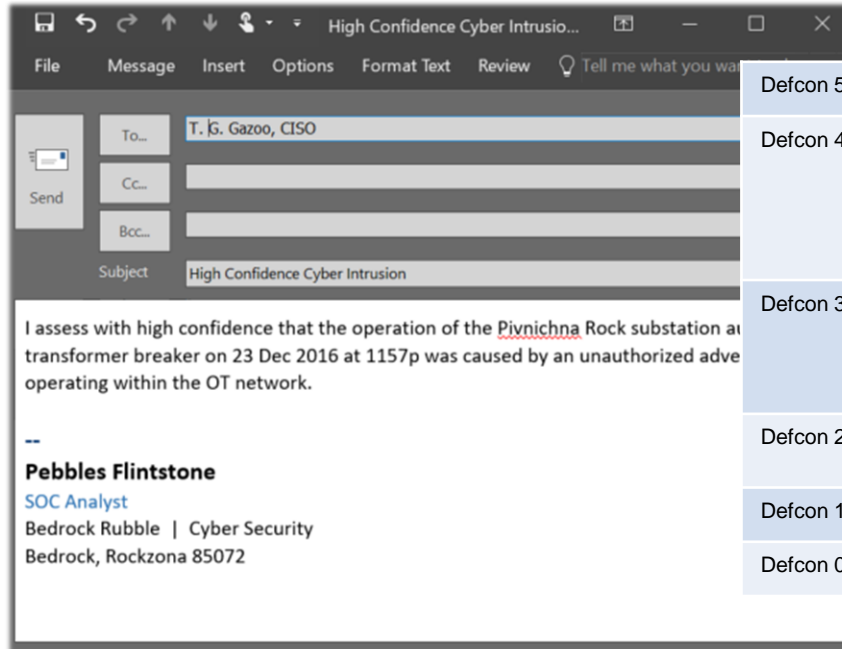
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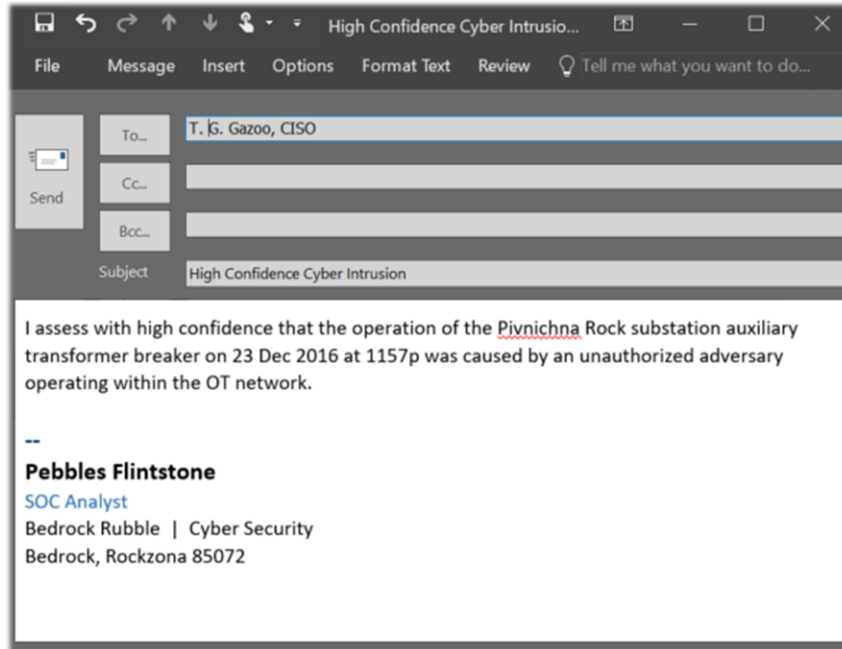
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Quality of the Assessment (simulated) drives appropriate response actions



Defcon 5	Normal Operations – all connections active through firewalls
Defcon 4	Add email content filtering Additional web proxy filtering/Only critical web use Reduce remote access to OT zones (vendors or employees) Disable non-critical external access Increase Geo-IP blocking
Defcon 3	Strict email sanitization (reduce use, block attachments, TXT only) Limit remote access to corp Disable remote access to OT zones (vendors or employees) Reduce public internet surface area
Defcon 2	Unplug all OT network connections Disable all corp remote access
Defcon 1	Full internet disconnect
Defcon 0	Go home, hug kids, grab bug-out bag

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Solution, Plans, Future

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RESULTS

First (small) test has proven that this integration can add value

- Were able to launch an investigation based on operational events
- Provided data that allowed the analyst to make better assessments

Future Use Cases

Safety

- Can PI + Dragos identify unauthorized entry into a substation?

Contract Compliance

- Can PI + Dragos assure outside contractors are operating properly?

Cyber Attack

- Can PI + Dragos detect abnormal load shedding events from substations, meters, or solar inverters?

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